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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Presnell *et al.* : Examiner: Romeo, D.

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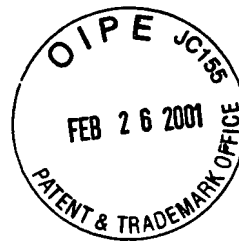
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Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action (Election/Restriction) of December 18, 2000.
Enclosed is a request for a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response from
January 18, 2001 to March 19, 2001.

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II claims 6-9 without traverse.
Applicants request that claims 1-5 and 10-11 be withdrawn from consideration as corresponding
to non-elected claims.



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Also enclosed is form PTO 1449 with references. Accompanying the references is a diskette that contains references A4-A73 and A76-A77. This diskette is being submitted as an aid to the Examiner in searching the submitted sequences. While applicants' attorney has done his best to make a faithful reproduction of the references on the diskette, he makes no representations that the diskette is complete or accurate.

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